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In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1, 10, 15, 16, 19, 21, 23, 26, 37, 38-41, 44-47, 49-62, 64, 65, 67-73, and 75-87 without prejudice.

Please amend the claims as follows.

48.(Currently amended) A method of coating, comprising
releasing a hot melt adhesive, which has been thermally made flowable,
from a coating device onto a substantially nonporous substrate as a substantially
continuous coating without contact between said coating device and said
substrate,
subsequently disposing said substantially continuous coating upon the
surface of said substrate at a coating weight of less than about 10 g/m²,
nipping said coated substrate between a first roller and a second roller; and
~~The method of claim 47, comprising~~ contacting the coating of said nipped
substrate with a second substrate.

63.(Currently Amended) A method of coating, wherein a thermoplastic
material, which has been thermally made flowable, is provided in the form of a
substantially continuous nonporous film without contact of the film with a substrate and
said film is then coated onto a nonporous substrate, said coating having a complex
viscosity of less than about 500 poise at about 1000 radians/sec at the coating
temperature,

~~said method further The method of claim 10,~~ comprising transferring said
continuous film from said first substrate to a second substrate

66.(Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 10,~~ A method of coating,
wherein a thermoplastic material, which has been thermally made flowable, is provided
in the form of a substantially continuous nonporous film without contact of the film with
a substrate and said film is then coated onto a nonporous substrate, said coating having a

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complex viscosity of less than about 500 poise at about 1000 radians/sec at the coating temperature, said method further comprising

nipping said coated substrate and

contacting the coating of said nipped substrate with a second substrate.

74.(Currently Amended) A method of coating comprising:

releasing a hot melt adhesive composition that has been thermally made flowable from a coating device in the form of a continuous film without contact between said coating device and a substrate, said hot melt adhesive composition comprising thermoplastic polymer and tackifying resin;

contacting a substantially nonporous substrate with said continuous film to form a coated substrate; and ~~The method of claim 68, comprising~~

simultaneously

contacting said substrate with said continuous film, and

nipping said continuous film and said substrate between a first roller and a second roller.